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From: John Madok [mailto:madok@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2005 10:08 AM  
To: Melissa Miller-Henson  
Subject: MPA's - Oppose

Dear Melissa:

I am a life-long, avid conservationist and scientist. However, I have two comments on the proposed creation of MPA's under the MLPA:

1. I find it astounding that the Blue Ribbon Task Force would even consider moving ahead with the creation of more MPA's without first carefully studying the good, the bad, and the ugly of existing MPA's. What kind of scientist would take action without looking at data that was available to them? I guess this activity is not based on science, but feel-good politics. Unbelievable!

2. Any MPA's must allow the fishing for pelagic species that reside higher in the water column (just passin' through), such as salmon, tuna, white seabass. We have enough zones on land and water that sits behind a legislated glass wall only for the observation by the bourgeois intellectual elites who seek to trivialize man's place on the planet by removing him from it.

I am watching this activity, funded by those who have their minds blatantly made up before the data is in and will be commenting further.

Thank you fro receiving my comments.

Sincerely,

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